(iii) No capitation or voluntary donation should be charged.

(iv) Unaided schools should consult parents through parents representatives before revising the fees. The fees should not be revised during the mid session.

(e) Does not arise.

Community colleges for vocational training

2673. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up 600 community colleges across the country for imparting vocational education to students;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their locations, State-wise;

(c) whether any of these colleges will be set up in Amroha, Moradabad, Azamgarh and Mau in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The XI Plan document as endorsed by the National Development Council (NDC) has envisaged setting up of additional community colleges as well as supporting the existing ones. The objective of these colleges is to provide education which aims at skill development in a flexible environment. Details of the proposal are being worked out.

Composite Educational Development Index

2674. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 2006-07 Composite Educational Development Index towards Universal Elementary Education, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh ranked 30 or below;

(b) if so, what were their ranks in 2007-08 and the improvement achieved over the previous year; and

(c) the targets fixed for four broad parameters of access, infrastructure, teacher related indicators and their outcome for 2008-09 and 2009-10?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) To assess progress of States and Union Territories towards universalization of elementary education, an Educational Development Index (EDI), has been developed by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA). The EDI is based on four broad parameters of access, infrastructure, teacher related indicators and elementary education outcomes. The status of the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal is as follows: